

chemical descriptions are organic phosphate compounds, petroleum aliphatic hydrocarbons and tertiary amines. For proficiency testing only, generic microbiological descriptions such as bacteria, mycobacteria, fungus, and viral samples may be used. Except for names which appear in subpart B of part 172 of this subchapter, trade names may not be used as technical names.

*TOFC* means trailer-on-flat-car.

*Top shell* means the tank car tank surface, excluding the head ends and bottom shell of the tank car tank.

*Trailership* means a vessel, other than a carfloat, specifically equipped to carry motor transport vehicles and fitted with installed securing devices to tie down each vehicle. The term *trailership* includes *Roll-on/Roll-off (RO/RO)* vessels.

*Train* means one or more engines coupled with one or more rail cars, except during switching operations or where the operation is that of classifying and assembling rail cars within a railroad yard for the purpose of making or breaking up trains.

*Trainship* means a vessel other than a rail car ferry or carfloat, specifically equipped to transport railroad vehicles, and fitted with installed securing devices to tie down each vehicle.

*Transport vehicle* means a cargo-carrying vehicle such as an automobile, van, tractor, truck, semitrailer, tank car or rail car used for the transportation of cargo by any mode. Each cargo-carrying body (trailer, rail car, etc.) is a separate transport vehicle.

*UFC* means Uniform Freight Classification.

*UN* means United Nations.

*UN portable tank* means a intermodal tank having a capacity of more than 450 liters (118.9 gallons). It includes a shell fitted with service equipment and structural equipment, including stabilizing members external to the shell and skids, mountings or accessories to facilitate mechanical handling. A UN portable tank must be capable of being filled and discharged without the removal of its structural equipment and must be capable of being lifted when full. Cargo tanks, rail tank car tanks, non-metallic tanks, non-specification tanks, bulk bins, and IBCs and pack-

agings made to cylinder specifications are not UN portable tanks.

*UN Recommendations* means the UN Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods.

*UN standard packaging* means a packaging conforming to standards in the UN Recommendations.

*Unit load device* means any type of freight container, aircraft container, aircraft pallet with a net, or aircraft pallet with a net over an igloo.

*United States* means a State of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, or any other territory or possession of the United States designated by the Secretary.

*Vessel* includes every description of watercraft, used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on the water.

*Viscous liquid* means a liquid material which has a measured viscosity in excess of 2500 centistokes at 25 °C. (77 °F.) when determined in accordance with the procedures specified in ASTM Method D 445-72 "Kinematic Viscosity of Transparent and Opaque Liquids (and the Calculation of Dynamic Viscosity)" or ASTM Method D 1200-70 "Viscosity of Paints, Varnishes, and Lacquers by Ford Viscosity Cup."

*Volatility* refers to the relative rate of evaporation of materials to assume the vapor state.

*Water reactive material.* See § 173.124(c) of this subchapter.

*Water resistant* means having a degree of resistance to permeability by and damage caused by water in liquid form.

*Wooden barrel* means a packaging made of natural wood, of round cross-section, having convex walls, consisting of staves and heads and fitted with hoops.

*W.T.* means watertight.

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#### § 171.9 Rules of construction.

(a) In this subchapter, unless the context requires otherwise:

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(1) Words imparting the singular include the plural;

(2) Words imparting the plural include the singular; and

(3) Words imparting the masculine gender include the feminine;

(b) In this subchapter, the word: (1) “Shall” is used in an imperative sense;

(2) “Must” is used in an imperative sense;

(3) “Should” is used in a recommendationary sense;

(4) “May” is used in a permissive sense to state authority or permission to do the act described, and the words “no person may \* \* \*” or “a person may not \* \* \*” means that no person is required, authorized, or permitted to do the act described; and

(5) “Includes” is used as a word of inclusion not limitation.

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### § 171.10 Units of measure.

(a) *General.* To ensure compatibility with international transportation standards, most units of measure in this subchapter are expressed using the International System of Units (“SI” or metric). Where SI units appear, they are the regulatory standard. U.S. standard or customary units, which appear in parentheses following the SI units, are for information only and are not intended to be the regulatory standard.

(b) Abbreviations for SI units of measure generally used throughout this subchapter are as shown in paragraph (c) of this section. Customary units shown throughout this subchapter are generally not abbreviated.

(c) *Conversion values.* (1) Conversion values are provided in the following table and are based on values provided in ASTM E 380–89, “Standard for Metric Practice.”

(2) If an exact conversion is needed, the following conversion table should be used.

TABLE OF CONVERSION FACTORS FOR SI UNITS

Measurement	SI to U.S. standard	U.S. standard to SI
Activity .....	1 TBq=27 Ci .....	1 Ci=0.037 TBq
Length .....	1 cm=0.3937008 in .....	1 in=2.540000 cm
.....	1 m=3.280840 ft .....	1 ft=0.3048000 m
Thickness .....	1 mm=0.03937008 in .....	1 in=25.40000 mm
Mass (weight) .....	1 kg=2.204622 lb .....	1 lb=0.4535924 kg
.....	1 g=0.03527397 oz .....	1 oz=28.34952 g
Pressure .....	1 kPa=0.1450377 psi .....	1 psi=6.894757 kPa
.....	1 Bar=100 kPa=14.504 psi .....	1 psi=0.06895 Bar
.....	1 kPa=7.5 mm Hg .....	
Radiation level .....	1 Sv/hr=100 rem/hr .....	1 rem/hr=0.01 Sv/hr
Volume (liquid) .....	1 L=0.2641720 gal .....	1 gal=3.785412 L
.....	1 mL=0.03381402 oz .....	1 oz=29.57353 mL
.....	1 m³=35.31466 ft³ .....	1 ft³=0.02831685 m³
Density .....	1 kg/m³=0.06242797 lb/ft³ .....	1 lb/ft³=16.01846 kg/m³
Force .....	1 Newton = 0.2248 Pound-force .....	1 Pound-force=4.483 N

Abbreviation for units of measure are as follows:

Unit of measure and abbreviation:

(SI): millimeter, mm; centimeter, cm; meter, m; gram, g; kilogram, kg; kilopascal, kPa; liter, L; milliliter, mL; cubic meter, m³; Terabecquerel, TBq; Gigabecquerel, GBq; millisievert, mSv; Newton, N;

(U.S.): Inch, in; foot, ft; ounce, oz; pound, lb; psig, psi; gallon, gal; cubic feet, ft³; Curie, Ci; millicurie, mCi; millirem, mrem.

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### § 171.11 Use of ICAO Technical Instructions.

Notwithstanding the requirements of parts 172 and 173 of this subchapter, a hazardous material may be transported by aircraft, and by motor vehicle ei-

ther before or after being transported by aircraft, in accordance with the ICAO Technical Instructions if the hazardous material:

(a) Is packaged, marked, labeled, classified, described and certified on a